

Pittsburgh Curling Club Board of Directors Minutes Oct 8, 2012

Attending: Steve, Brian, Amy, Jen, Daphne, Dan, Amanda, Marie

Not attending: Matt, Jacki, Andy, Michelle

Guests: Thad, Len, Beth C.

No minutes from last month.

Member comments – none.

Financial:

Club is solvent.

Need to write 2 checks:

- RMU ice fee half year; Steve has this as agenda item – detailed below.
- \$440 Learn to Curl check to RMU from previous Sat. **Motion to pay for Learn to Curl:** Marie/Amanda – Unanimous approval, no abstentions.

Need to decide if we're doing an audit or not. No rush - can be done at any time.

Consent agenda.

Fundraising - also an agenda item. Ground rules – if outside of your departmental budget, authorization for the expenditure must be made by the board. **Motion to approve consent agenda** – Marie/Amy Unanimous approval, no abstentions.

RMU ice

- Trading emails with Scott. Sat night the Zamboni did not come out and cut after us. First event on ice next day was figure skating – not sure if he got feedback. Jim filled donuts on edge of ice from rocks. Zamboni may not come out routinely since it's late and the ice is Ok for the next day.

- Need to pay for wristband fees. We had collected from membership the equivalent of \$10 per night which we owe to RMU. The contract agreement is vague as to how this should be paid. Steve suggests 2 payments. First now and 2nd towards mid Dec. Approximate seasonal wristband calculation: \$12370. Half season payment is therefore \$6185. Any adjustments (such as new members or other collected ice fees) can be added to the 2nd payment. Steve will send a letter with details to Dave along with the check. **Motion to pay RMU \$6185:** Amy/Daphne. Unanimous approval, no abstentions.

League membership –Should still promote the Vampire League. Working well and can play with 6-40 players. Should promote that Can Am league can stay and play: stipulation of wristband fee if we have more than the current Vampire league number playing. Can have new members register with vamp league. Emphasize that the Vampire League is not strictly formatted. Should consider pro rating the cost of the vampire league if new members join mid season. **Motion: to set the Vampire League fee as the annual Vampire League rate reduced by \$10 per week for those weeks missed when new member joins.** Daphne/Dan. Unanimous approval, no abstentions.

Vampire LTC – The only ice time available is during Vampire League. Should still get 2

ends of play after the instruction period. Dan will coordinate bookings with individuals who said they'd skip Vampire League to instruct.

Learn to Curl: Big THANKS to Amy and Paul Hannan for the Little Rocks they've generously provided (and hauled to Learn to Curls with youth curlers). They're greatly appreciated by the club and our youth Learn to Curl participants.

Budget:

Last year the club was under budget.

A line by line review was conducted and discussed in detail. Treasurer Daphne Roberts provided the Board with details of the club's expenditures and income for 2011-2012.

The final budget proposal was adjusted based on the previous year's data and reflects differences in current membership numbers and a cut in the available ice time for revenue-generating Learn To Curls and Spring Mini Leagues. **Motion to approve the budget:** Jen/Marie Unanimous approval, no abstentions.

Brooms Up Curling Supplies will be on site Oct 20. Need to advertise via email and signs.

Tropicurl 2013:

- Get ice Tuesday July 2 as usual
- Tcurl starts on July 4
- Jacki asked to think about theme. Pieces of Eight?? (8th year of TropiCurl).

Fundraising – Amanda sent some ideas in the consent agenda.

Other fundraising possibility: Aramark concession at Heinz field during Steeler home games – an approved group can staff a concession stand and get a percentage. Mandatory number of participants and training. Previous club members have done this and earned \$1000 for each game.

Background checks: The question of whether instructors should have background checks performed came up. Marie checked the GNCC website – nothing is listed regarding requirements. She then went to the website for PA Police record checks (information supplied by Matt Berwick) and had the check performed. This check only applies to PA and does not meet requirements for working in schools. From various linked websites, it would appear that further checks are required only if you are working as a youth coach, travel with youth, or are alone with youth.

Darwin grant: The USCA informed us that we did not receive the Darwin grant but indicated they will supply us with an edited version and high points of the winning grant application.

Chesapeake CC: Corey Jenkins, president Chesapeake Curling Club, emailed saying we can stay after the Funspiel in January and curl Sunday night as well as Monday (Martin Luther King holiday). There would be no charge for the ice and participants don't have to have curled in the Funspiel. He requests a head count in advance. Steve will advertise this soon.

A member of the Dundas Valley Golf and Curling Club, Dundas, Ontario emailed expressing his belated Thanks for TropiCurl. He had a great time and said it set benchmarks for other clubs on how to run a bonspiel. He then asked for information on next year's event. He'll also be contacting someone within our club for comments for an Ontario curling publication.

Day of Giving – don't know the total yet. We had the information fairly quickly last year, so expect it shortly.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting: Amanda/Dan Unanimous approval, no abstentions.